(g) the grant sanctioned and utilized therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The CD of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) containing 500 Ayurvedic formulation was released on 23.10.2003.

(c) and (d) The time schedule for the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project was extended to 31.8.2003. The first phase of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project which was completed on 31.8.2003 contains 36,000 Ayurvedic formulations.

(e) The access to TKDL shall be provided to international Patent Offices after getting non disclosure agreement.

(f) Documentation, checking and rechecking of the formulations is a time consuming work and the number of formulations increased to 36,000 from 35,000 proposed initially.

(g) The grant sanctioned and released till date for Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project is Rs. 1,70,68,000/- by Department of AYUSH. The expenditure made as on 4.12.2003 is Rs. 1,69,73,570/- for first phase of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) Ayurveda project.

Recurrence of SARS

1306. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction on the report of the World Health Organization that there are strong chances of break out of SARS again in the country; and

(b) whether Government have taken any effective measures to prevent the outbreak of SARS again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) World Health Organization (WHO) has advocated to all its member countries to be vigilant as resurgence of SARS remains a distinct possibility. Accordingly, WHO has provided guidance for post outbreak period based on risk assessment.

India had only three imported probable SARS cases and there was no local transmission to health care workers/other persons. For countries

having no local spread WHO has not advocated enhanced surveillance system.

A national level surveillance system for communicable diseases is existing. With the experience gained, the existing infrastructure and identified manpower would be reactivated if any SARS case re-emerges globally.

Trauma Centres along National Highways

1307. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up trauma centres along the National Highways to provide immediate assistance to the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the National Highways will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) To provide immediate assistance to the accident victims, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a scheme for providing financial assistance to the States/Union Territories to augment and upgrade the Accident and Emergency Services in selected State Government hospitals which fall in most accident-prone area of National Highways. During the Tenth Plan, a provision of Rs. 110.00 crores has been made for this purpose.

Grant for ISM & H Dispensaries

1308. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dispensaries of the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Karnataka which have been sanctioned Rs. 25,000/- as lump sum assistance for purchase of essential drugs during 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Karnataka to sanction the assistance to more number of dispensaries during 2003-04;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and